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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated December 4, 2002 (Paper No. 13) and in accordance with the Rules of Practice, please enter the following amendments and consider the remarks below. A response is due on or before April 4, 2003. Accordingly, a one month Extension of Time fee up to and including April 4, 2003 is being submitted herewith.

Submitted herewith as Exhibit A is a copy of the pending claims. Also enclosed is a Petition for Extension of Time (including fees). It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, if additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 (a), and any fees required therefore, are hereby authorized to be charged to Drinker Biddle & Reath LLP Deposit Account No. 500573.

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Amendment and Reply Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Kindly amend the above-identified patent application, without prejudice, as follows.
The amendments follow the revised format of the Jan. 31, 2003 Pre-OG Notice.